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#### SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

Subject registered to vote in 1938 and 1946 through 1950, expressing her preference for the American Labor Party (ALP). Subject visited Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, 1950, and was in attendance at fund raising party for "The Worker," 7/26/58. CP sympathy of close relatives of subject set out.

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#### I. BACKGROUND

#### Birth Data

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA KENNETH J. HASER, reflected that the subject listed her date of birth as July 30, 1894, at Belezerka, Wolyn, Poland.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject was born on July 30, 1894, in Poland.

#### Citizenship Status

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York, New York, as reviewed during 1950, reflected that LOUIS SOBELL, who was born on April 22, 1888, in Wobin, Russia, entered the United States on August 6, 1906, on the SS NIEU AMSTERDAM, and that on October 2, 1911, he filed Declaration of Intention Number 1021131. He was admitted to citizenship on August 3, 1914, and received Certificate of Naturalization Number 492235.

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that the subject was born at Belezerka, Wolyn, Poland, and immigrated to the United States on September 6, 1906, and that she acquired her United States citizenship by virtue of her marriage in 1915 to LOUIS SOBELL. The records further reflected that LOUIS SOBELL's Naturalization Certificate Number 492235, issued on August 3, 1914, was seen by the passport authorities.

#### Nationality Background

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that the subject listed her parents on her marriage license as MICHEL PASTERNAK and IDA PASTERNAK, both of whom were born in Russia. These records further reflected that the subject's husband, LOUIS SOBELL, listed his parents as MORDCHE SOBELL and YURI SOBELL, nee YURI SCHELL, both of whom were born in Russia.

#### Marital Status

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that the subject was married on May 27, 1915, to LOUIS SOBELL, who was born in Russia on April 22, 1888, and immigrated to the United States in August, 1906.

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that Marriage License Number 12046, was issued to LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE PASTERNAK, who were married on May 27, 1915.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject was a widow, having been married to LOUIS SOBELL, who was deceased.

#### Identification Record

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identification Division advised during March, 1958, that the subject had FBI Number 828 628 C and the following identification record:

Contributor of Pingerprints Name and Number Arrested or Received

CSC Rose Sobell 7/27/43

Passaic Co. B. of I. Co. Jail Paterson, N.J. Rose Sobell Applicant #DW-89640 5/25/44

On September 2, 1958, Passaic County Bureau of Identification, County Jail, Paterson, New Jersey, advised SA LOUIS F. HIBAN, Jr., that his files contain no record of the captioned subject.

plants in the Passaic County, New Jersey area that had government contracts, would request the identification bureau to submit the fingerprints of the plants' employees to the FBI. advised the letters DW referred to defense worker and that the number 89640 was a number given to an employee by the defense plant.

volume of these fingerprints that no record was kept by their bureau. Advised that the Wright Aeronautical Division, Curtiss-Wright Corporation of Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, supplied a great number of these prints to his identification bureau.

#### Residence

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that the subject listed her residence in 1915, as 633 East 11th Street, New York, New York.

The records of the New York County Bureau of Vital Statistics, as reviewed during 1950, reflected that Birth Certificate Number 19051, was issued to MORTON SOBELL, who was born on April 11, 1917. This Birth Certificate further reflected that MORTON SOBELL's parents, ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL, resided in 1917, at 182 Broome Street, New York, New York.

that ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL and their son, MORTON SOBELL, resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1933 through 1940, with the exception of 1937, from 646 St. Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Schenectady Works, General Electric Company, advised during 1950, that MORTON SOBELL listed on his employment application, dated June 4, 1942, that his parents, LOUIS and ROSE SOBELL, resided at 5618 Catherine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The FBI Identification Division, advised during March, 1958, that the subject's FBI Identification Record listed her residence in 1944 as 642 Concord Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1940 and from 1946 through 1950, from 600 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York. These records further reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1951 through 1957, with the exception of 1955, from 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The records of the New York Telephone Company, as furnished by to SA FRANCIS X. KANE, Jr., on March 31, 1956, reflected that telephone number SE 3-8002 was issued to ROSE SOBELL, Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. These records further reflected that this telephone service was connected in April, 1954.

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A state telephone conversation between a Special Agent of the FBI and an individual who identified herself as Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOHELL, at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on February 13, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL presently resided at that address.

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A telephone conversation between a Special Agent of the FBI and an unidentified individual at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on September 29, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL presently resided at this address.

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#### Employment

On September 2, 1958,

Plant Protection Office, Wright Aeronautical Division,
Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, advised
SA HIBAN that his records reflect a card which contained
the subject's name and number 89640.

Advised that
this card signified that the card was printed by his
company as an applicant.

Advised that during World
War II, all applicants applying for work were given a
physical examination, fingerprinted, photographed and an
application form was completed.

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report to work then the physical examination sheet, the photograph, and the application form were destroyed. advised that this was the case with the subject and that she was never employed by Curtiss-Wright but just made application for employment.

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Special Agent of the PRI and an unidentified individual at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on September 29, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL was a widow, who was not regularly employed.

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#### II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1933 through 1936 expressing her preference for the CP.

the SORELLS resided at this address from about July, 1931 to December, 1940. Added that on different occasions both ROSE and LOUIS SORELL engaged him in conversations at which time they were quite pronounced in their admiration of Communists. Added that on several occasions, Mrs. SORELL asked him to join the CP. stated that although he believed ROSE and LOUIS SORELL to be Communists, he could not link them as members of any Communist organization.

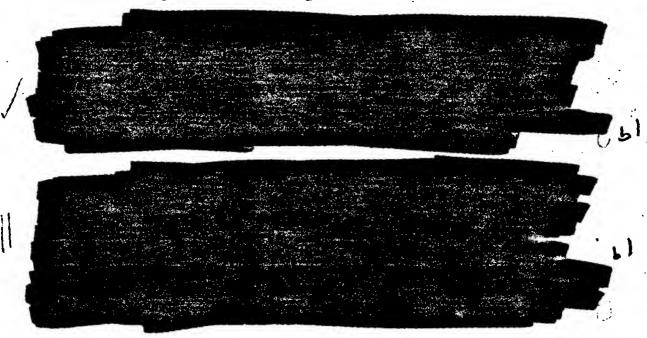
advised SAS RALPH D. HOUSE and ROBERT C. DAVIS, on November 29, 1957, that he resided in New York, New York.

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Avenue addresses, the LOUIS SOBELL family was his neighbor.

explained that LOUIS SOBELL was the father of 60 MORTON SOBELL, who had been convicted for his participation in the ROSENBERG spy ring and who was subsequently incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary.

was ROSE SOBELL and that she was the wildest Communist he ever saw in his life. Stated that ROSE SOBELL was completely sold on Communism and on Russia and was always declaring how much better things were in Russia as compared with things in the United States.



III. CONNECTIONS WITH CP FRONT ACTIVITIES

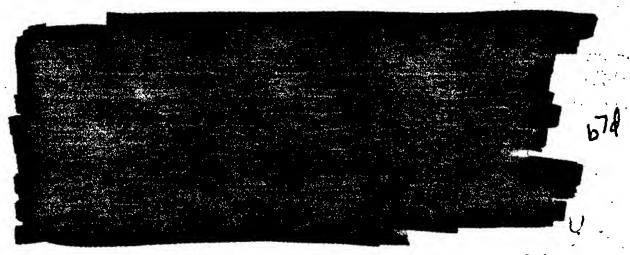
#### Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



#### International Workers Order (IWO)

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



According to T-3, the subject was born in 1894 and resided at 646 St. Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York, in 1932 and at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, in 1954.

#### Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





IV. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE AND/OR NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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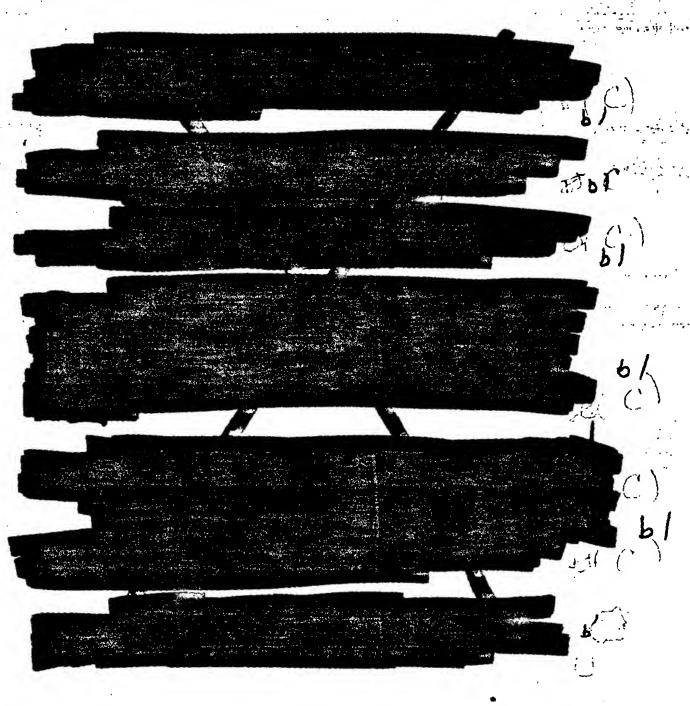
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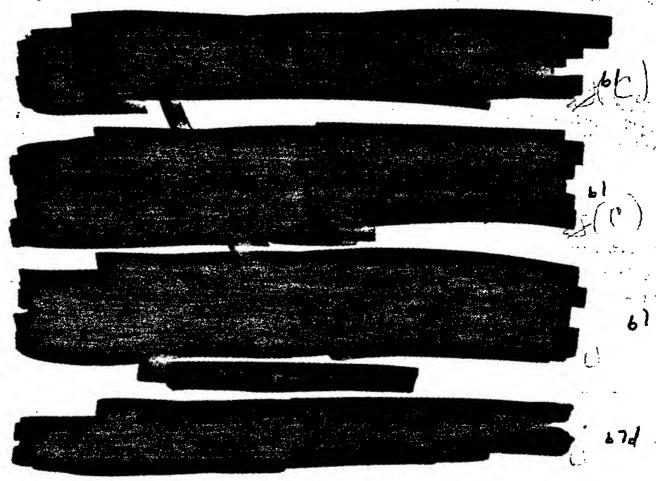
#### Activity in California

DAVE BROWN, whose last known residence was New York, New York, who furnished information to the FBI regarding CP front organizations from June, 1951, and regarding the CP from February, 1954, until he divulged his confidential relationship with the FBI to the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist Party in January, 1955, advised on August 18, 1953, that a meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was held on August 10, 1953, at the Park Manor, Los Angeles, California. BROWN, who was the Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress in Los Angeles, California, from February 6, 1954, to January, 1955, added that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, spoke for a few minutes at this meeting.



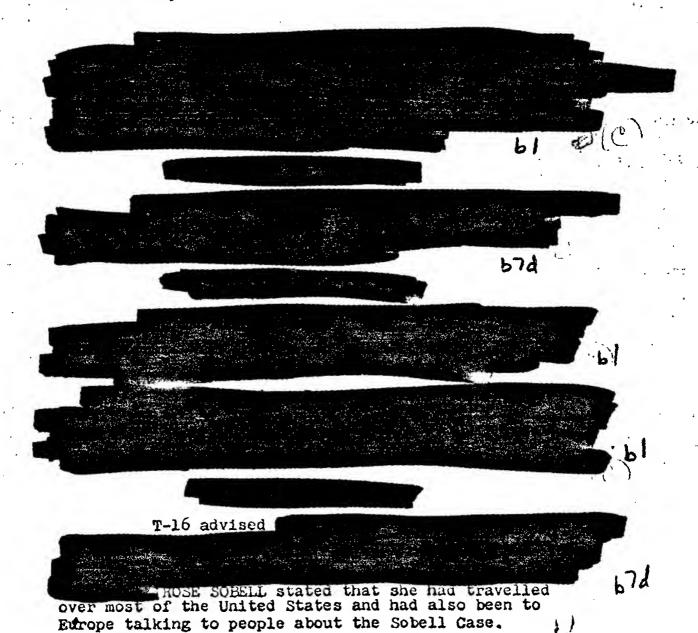
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#### Activity in District of Columbia

T-ll furnished on June 6, 1958, an undated, printed letter on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which reflected that headquarters for ROSE SOBELL were being set up in Washington, D. C. for the month of June, in order that she might visit United States Congressmen and leaders of national organizations in connection with her efforts to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL.



#### Activity in New York

T-17 made available on June 26, 1952, a letter dated June the 25th on the letterhead of the National

Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which reflected that a meeting sponsored by this committee would be held on June the 26th at the Great Central Palace, 90 Clinton Street, New York, New York, and that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL would be at this meeting.

An article in the "Daily Worker" issue of June 25, 1952, reflected that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL would be featured as a speaker at the above meeting.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast daily Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

An article in the "Daily Worker" issue of June 21, 1954, reflected that 400 persons visited the grave of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG yesterday to participate in the unveiling of a headstone. This article further reflected that at this ceremony the subject spoke to the assembled crowd of how she had known JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and although it was only for a short time, she loved them very much and pledged to work every day of her life until they were vindicated. The article continued that the subject added that the way to vindicate the ROSENBERGS was to work every day and night for the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL.

Concerning JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, they were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. They were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

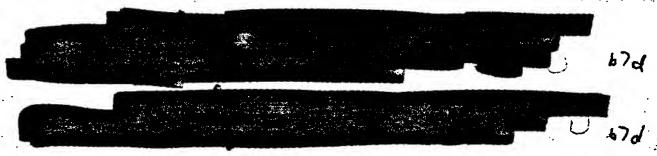
T-18 advised on October 4, 1955, that the subject was a speaker at a meeting of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which was held on September 29, 1955, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

T-19 advised on May 17, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at a meeting under the sponsorship of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which was held on May 15, 1956, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York. The informant added that at this meeting, the subject spoke on her recent trip to Europe and of the sympathy she received there concerning her son's imprisonment.

T-20 advised on May 24, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting, held on May 15, 1956. The informant stated that at this meeting, the subject spoke briefly concerning her trip to Europe and of the sympathetic interest expressed in her cause by many of those with whom she came in contact.

T-21 advised on May 23, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting of the Sobell Committee on May 15, 1956.

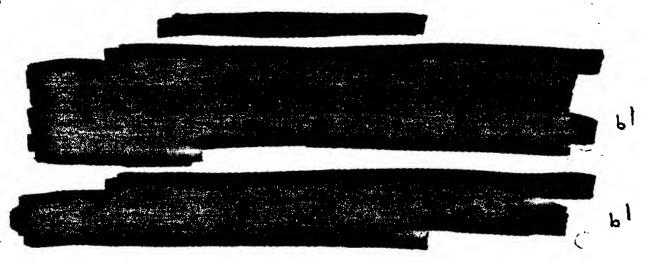




T-23 advised on April 28, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at a Sobell Committee rally, which was held on April 21, 1958, at the Community Church, 35th Street off Park Avenue, New York, New York.

T-ll advised on April 30, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting of the Sobell Committee, held on April 21, 1958.

T-11 advised on July 1, 1958, that as of June 17, 1958, the subject was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.



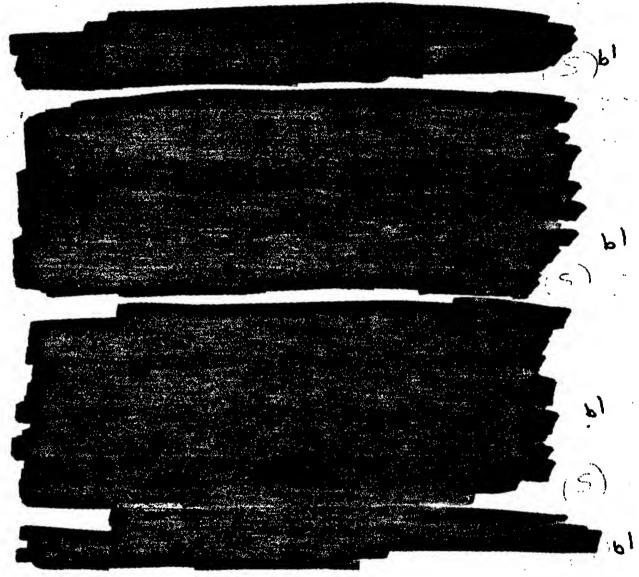


#### Foreign Activity

#### Activity in Europe

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that ROSE SOBELL was issued Passport Number 797121 on November 14, 1955, for a proposed six months travel to England, France, Italy, and Israel. In her application, dated November 1, 1955, at New York, New York, the subject stated that she intended to depart from New York, New York, in January, 1956. This passport was valid for two years travel in all countries except Albania, Bulgaria, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam, under Communist control.

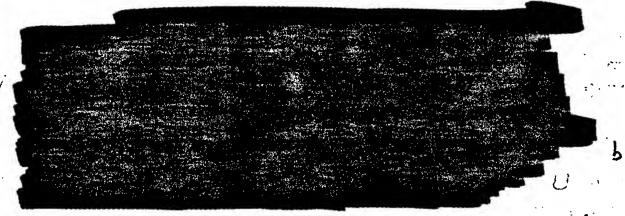




An article in the "National Guardian," issue of March 5, 1956, page eight, columns three and four, reflected that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, who is serving a thirty year prison term imposed at the

trial of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, arrived in Britain on the Cunard Liner QUEEN ELIZABETH on February 22, 1956. The article continued that Mrs. SOBELL stated at Southampton, England, that "there are many friends in Britain who are concerned with the terrible thing that has been done to my son, people who can not be silent in the face of injustice and who join in the world-wide fight to save the Rosenbergs. They want to know more about the case and I will do what I can to explain it to them."

See Appendix concerning the "National Guardian."



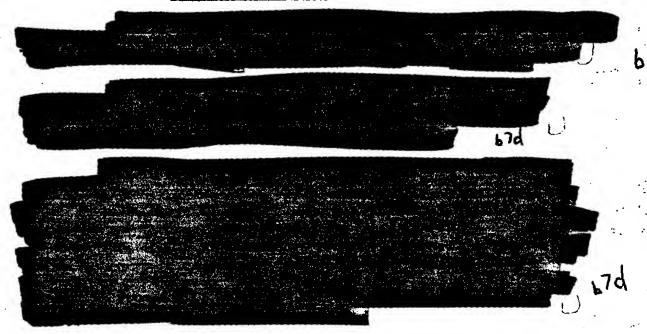
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T-31 advised on May 28, 1956, that ROSE SOBELL was in attendance at a rally held on May 15, 1956, sponsored by the Sobell Committee at Carnegie Hall, New York. The informant added that at this rally the subject spoke concerning her trip to France, England, and Italy, and stated that everyone she spoke with said that her son was innocent.

The issue of May 26, 1956, page four, columns one through five of the newspaper, "Glos Ludowy," contained an article concerning the fact that ROSE SOBELL had travelled all over Europe to win support for an appeal to release her son, who has been sentenced to thirty years imprisonment.

See Appendix concerning "Glos Ludowy."

Activity in Mexico



#### V. CONNECTIONS WITH CP FRONT GROUPS

#### American Labor Party (ALP)

See Appendix

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1938, expressing her preference for the ALF.

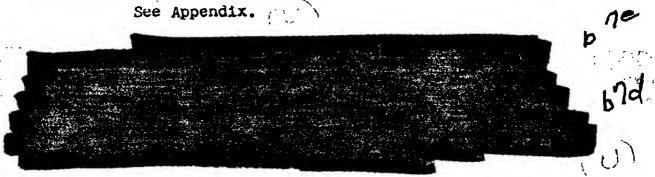
The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1946 through 1950, expressing her preference for the ALP.

#### Camp Unity

See Appendix. ( )

LOUIS PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, advised SAS REX I. SHRODER and JAMES P. LEE on December 13, 1950, that LOUIS and ROSE SOBELL visited Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, sometime during the Summer of 1950.

#### "Jewish Life"



"The Worker"

"The Worker" is a weekly East Coast ( )

T-35 advised on August 13, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at a party held on July 26, 1958, for the purpose of raising funds for "The Worker."

#### VI. CP SYMPATHY OF CLOSE RELATIVES

LOUIS SOBELL Subject's Husband

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that Marriage License Number 12046 was issued to LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE PASTERNAK, who were married on May 27, 1915.

advised SAS RALPH D. HOUSE and ROBERT C. DAVIS on November 29, 1957, that he had resided in New York, New York,

added that while residing at the St. Anns Avenue addresses, the LOUIS SOBELL family was his neighbor,

MONTON SOBELL, who had been convicted for his participation in the Rosenberg spy ring and was subsequently incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary.

the time, had a drugstore at the corner of St. Anns
Avenue and Westchester Avenue, but ruined his business
by talking Communism to everyone who came into his store.

considered that LOUIS SOBELL was quite a
communist but at the same time harmless and frustrated.

added that LOUIS SOBELL was a Stalinist
communist and spent much time arguing with the Trotskyites
in the neighborhood.

a self-admitted former member of the CP, advised on January 19, 1955, that she first joined the CP in 1936 or 1937, and that when she got married in 1938, she transferred to a CP club which met in the vicinity of Burnside, Davidson and Tremont Avenues in the Bronx. New York added that her husband, as recruited into the CP about twenty years ago by the father of MORTON SOBELL. She explained that the father of MORTON SOBELL was a druggist in the area where her husband resided at that time.

MORTON SOBELL Subject's Son

The personnel file of MORTON SOBELL at the

Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during 1950 reflected that he was born on April 11, 1917, at New York, New York, and that his parents were ROSE SOBELL and LOUIS SOBELL.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to thirty years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### HELEN SOBELL Subject's Daughter-in-law

The records of the Arlington County Court House, Arlington, Virginia, as reviewed in 1950, reflected that MORTON SOBELL married HELEN LEVITOV GUREVITZ, nee HELEN LEVITOV on March 10, 1945, in Arlington, Virginia. MORTON SOBELL listed his parents as LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL, nee ROSE PASTERNAK.

The "New York Times" in its issue of October 16, 1957, page 23, columns one through four reflects the following:

"RED ORDER TO PAY MRS. SOBELL CITED"

"Soviet Defector Says Abel Told Him to Give \$5,000 to Convicted Spy's Wife"

#### "By MICHAEL CLARK"

"Reino Hayhanen, a confessed Soviet spy, testified in Brooklyn Federal Court yesterday that on two occasions he had been ordered to arrange for the payment of \$5,000 to Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, a convicted spy.

"The Government witness, who defected to the West last May, said the orders had come from Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, on trial as the asserted head of a Soviet spy network in the United States. Hayhanen added that the money had not been paid but that he had received a secret message instructing him to find out whether Mrs. Sobell would serve as an agent.

"Denying the allegations, Mrs. Sobell said in a statement later: 'This meaningless testimony is just a way of smearing me at a time when my husband's case is before the Supreme Court in a request for a new trial.'

"Morton Sobell was co-defendant in the 1951 trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs, sentenced to death for betraying atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing prison on June 19, 1953. Sobell was sentenced to thirty years and is now serving his term in Alcatraz.

"Moscow Orders Cited"

"Under direct examination by William F.
Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General, Hayhanen quoted
Abel as saying in the spring of 1955 that he had been
instructed by Moscow to find Mrs. Sobell and to give
her \$5,000.

"According to Hayhanen, Mrs. Sobell was known to Abel as 'Agent Stone's wife.' The witness later testified that he knew Mrs. Sobell to be the wife of an agent who had been prosecuted as a Soviet agent and sentenced to thirty years in prison. He said he had learned from Abel that it was Soviet custom to use man-and-wife teams whenever possible.

"However, the witness said, since Mrs. Sobell's Manhattan apartment was guarded by the police, it was decided to bury the money in Bear Mountain Park on the Hudson. The witness testified that he and Abel had done this together shortly before the latter's trip to Moscow in June, 1955.

"Hayhanen indicated that although he had been left with the job of seeing that Mrs. Sobell got the money, this mission had not been carried out. Nevertheless, he said, he had reported through a drop-a hidden place where secret messages are left-that he had located Mrs. Sobell and given her the money.

"'In reply', he said, 'I was told to locate her again and find out whether she would serve ( )

The same article disclosed that HAYHANEN also testified that in about July of 1956, ABEL suggested that HAYHANEN take a vacation in Moscow. But, first HAYHANEN said ABEL had told him to locate Mrs. SOBELL once more and give her another \$5,000. He told the court that this had not been done.

#### LOUIS PASTERNAK Subject's Brother

T-32 advised during 1954, that LOUIS PASTERNAK and MORRIS PASTERNAK are the brothers of ROSE SOBELL, who is the mother of MORTON SOBELL.





The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

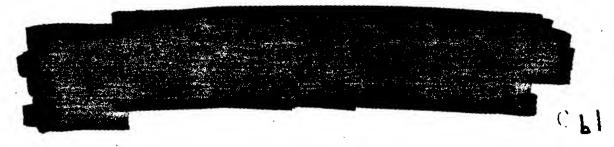
Also see Appendix concerning the CPA.

#### MORRIS PASTERNAK Subject's Brother

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GEORGE HEWITT, now deceased, a self-admitted member of the CP from 1929 until 1923, advised on October 19, 1945, that MORRIS PASTERNAK was the brother of LOUIS PASTERNAK, Manager, Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York.

HEWITT advised during October, 1945, that
MORRIS PASTERNAK had been active in Communism for many
years and had served on practically every leading committee
in the state and national apparatus. HEWITT added that
MORRIS PASTERNAK attended the Lenin School in Moscow
from 1930 to 1932 and that upon his return to the United
States, he worked at the state office as a "leader."



See Appendix concerning Workers School. ij

FLORENCE PASTERNAK Subject's Sister-in-law



JOSEPH PASTERNAK Subject's Brother



IDA PASTERNAK Subject's Sister-in-law

T-38 advised on October 31, 1952, that IDA PASTERNAK was, as of that date, a member of the Political Prisoners Welfare Committee.

The Political Prisoners Welfare Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

T-1, T-21, T-29, T-37, and additional informants each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the Metropolitan area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during June, July, and August, 1958, that they was the knew of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

#### VIII. DESCRIPTION

The following is a description of the subject as obtained from the records of the following: Passport Office; United States Department of State; Bronx County Board of Elections; Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York; FBI Identification Division; New York County Marriage License Bureau and Bureau of Vital Statistics as well as information furnished by T-32.

Name ROSE SOBELL nee Rose Pasternak Mrs. Louis Sobell Alias Date of Birth July 30, 1894 Place of Birth Belezerka, Wolyn, Poland Race White Female Sex 512" Height Weight 145 pounds Fair Gray Hair Complexion Build Medium Derivative citizenship Citizenship through husband's naturalization

on August 3, 1914.

Marital Status Widow, LOUIS SORELL, Deceased
Residence 2400 Davidson Avenue

Bronx, New York

Former Residences 600 Trinity Avenue Bronx, New York (1946-1950)

> 642 Concord Avenue Bronx, New York (1944)

5618 Catherine Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1942)

646 St. Anns Avenue Bronx, New York (July, 1931 - December, 1940)

182 Broome Street New York, New York (1917)

633 East 11th Street New York, New York (1915)

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Relatives

LOUIS SOBELL - Husband, deceased

MORTON SOBELL - Son United States Penitentiary Atlanta, Georgia

HELEN SOBELL - Daughter-in-law 30 Charlton Street
New York, New York

MORRIS PASTERNAK - Brother 4619 Skillman Avenue Queens, New York

FLORENCE PASTERNAK - Sister-in-law 46-19 Skillman Avenue Queens, New York

Relatives (Cont'd) LOUIS PASTERNAK - Brother 56 Seventh Avenue New York, New York

JOSEPH PASTERNAK - Brother 521 North Madison Los Angeles, California

IDA PASTERNAK - Sister-in-law 5212 North Madison Los Angeles, California

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#### AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Farty but outside of New York City they have teen unable to win control.'

  (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Folitical Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Farty. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
  (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary, Committee; Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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#### CAMP UNITY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning Camp Unity:

"Camp Unity (Wingdale, N. Y.)

"1. Cited as a 'notorious Communist rendezvous.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities,
Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648,
January 17, 1956, originally released
January 11, 1956, pp. 9 and 10.)"

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#### COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Communist Political Association:

"Communist Political Association (May 1944 to July 1945)

- "1. Cited as a 'subversive,' 'Communist' organization which sought 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.'

  (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 21, 1948.)
- "2. \*\* \* after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons, the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945. (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 209 on 'The Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power,' April 1, 1947, p. 29; also cited in House Report 1694 on 'Organized Communism in the United States,' May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, pp. 114 and 120, and House Report 2244 on 'The Communist Conspiracy,' Part I, Section E, May 29, 1956, p. 3.)"

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#### "GLOS LUDOWY"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning "Glos Ludowy":

"Glos Ludowy (People's Voice, Polish)

"1. Cited as a publication which 'has never faltered in this program of active cooperation with the Soviet regime \* \* \* Two men who have been responsible for directing the policy of Glos Ludowy are avowed members of the Communist Party, U. S. A. \* \* Glos Ludowy stops at nothing in its frantic efforts to glorify the Soviet Union.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1951 on the American Slav Congress, April 26, 1950, originally released June 26, 1949, pp. 70 and 71.)"

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#### "JEMISH LIFE"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Jewish Life":

#### "Jawish Mife

"1. Cited as a Communist-front which 'first appeared in November 1945, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, Morning Freiheit \* \* \*. The first issue contained this announcement of policy: "Jewish Life dedicates itself to strengthering the friendship of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union."!

"Its editor, Louis Harap, has been identified as a Communist in sucra testimony.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 93.)"

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case

"l. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the \*Communist campaign assumed a different Its major effort centered upon emphasis. Morton Sobell. the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. 1 National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30.)"

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#### NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE POSEMBERG CASE (and local affiliates)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case:

- Cited as a Communist front 'organized at least as early as November 1951; to conduct the United States phase of 'a mammoth propaganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the Rosenbergs and their codefendant, Morton Sobell, for the purposes of international communism.' Headed by Joseph Brainin as chairman, the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, August 25, 1956, pp. 1, 13, 21, 63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33.}
- "2. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out farv beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'

  (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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# NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2. 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \* \* \* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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## WORKERS SCHOOL

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Workers School:

"Workers School (New York City)

"1. Cited as 'an official Communist Party school' located at 35 East Twelfth Street, New York City, which was also headquarters of the Communist Party. Instructors were always members of the Communist Party. It later merged with the School for Democracy to become the Jefferson School of Social Science. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, pp. 89 and 168.)"

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# United States Department of Instice SECRET

New York, New York October 10, 1958

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Re: Rose Sobell, nee Rose Pasternak, with alias Mrs. Louis Sobell Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James Charles Haebel at New York, dated and captioned as above.

T-3, T-17, and T-34, were in a position to furnish reliable information.

T-30 is a confidential source abroad.

All other informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL at New York, and four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to this report.

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Attention is invited to the fact that the subject. of instant case is not identical with ROSE SOBEL, who is the subject of NY 100-70091; Bufile 100-340295.

#### Submission of Summary Report

A summary report was submitted in this case in order to consolidate the subject's activities in one report in view of her trips outside the United States on behalf of her campaign to obtain the release of her MORTON SOBELL. In addition, ... numerous references to the subject were examined in order to consider the subject for inclusion on the Security Index.

#### Security Index (SI)

The subject is not presently carried on the SI of the New York Office and she is not being recommended for the SI in view of the fact that her activities do not bring her within the criteria established for inclusion on the SI.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

#### Interview of the Subject

The subject has not been interviewed and no interview is being recommended with her. It is noted that in view of her continuing activity to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL, an interview with her could result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

#### Photograph

A photograph of the subject has been obtained.

Report Classification

Pretext Calls

The telephone call on 2/13/58 was made & 7g by SA JOHN W. SUNDOUIST

telephone call on 9/29/58, was made by SA JAMES CHARLES HARREL and the

Identity of Investigative Clerk (IC)

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections were reviewed on 3/14/58, and on 8/28/58, by IC WALTER P. QUIGLEY.

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau were reviewed on 8/18/58, by IC JOHN T. LYNCH.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

#### Translation

The article from the newspaper "Glos Ludowy" was translated by Bureau Translator EDMUND F. LORENTZ.

#### Identity of Special Agents

It will be noted that instant report contains information furnished to unidentified Special Agents. Where the identity of the agent is known it has been set out.

#### Case Files of Relatives

LOUIS SOBELL, the subject's husband, now deceased, was the subject of NY 100-124599.

MORTON SOBELL, the subject's son is the subject of NY 100-37158 - Bufile 101-2483.

HELEN SOPELL, the subject's daughter-in-law is the subject of NY 100-109849 - Bufile 100-404849.

LOUIS PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, is the subject of NY 100-96057 - Bufile 100-370348.

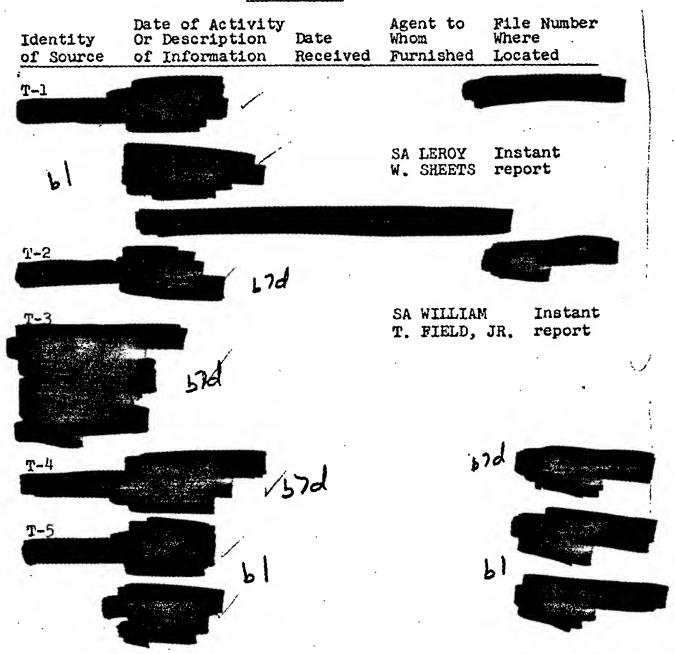
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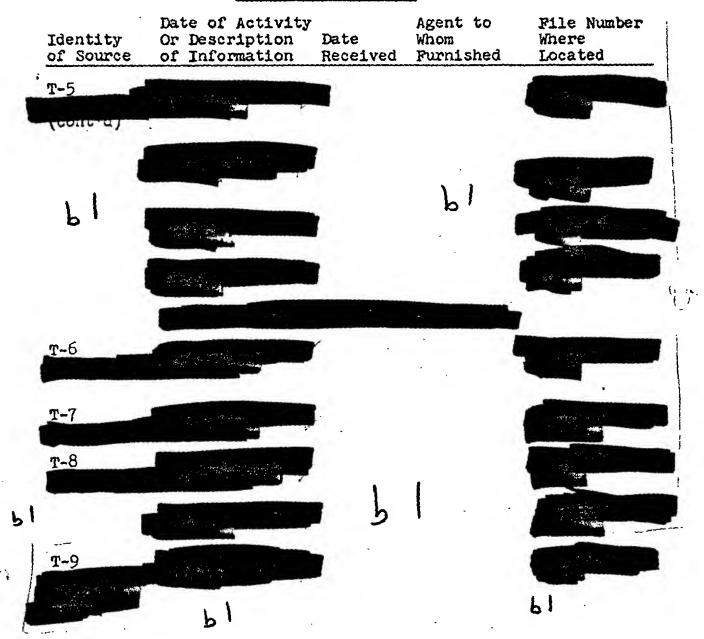
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JOSEPH PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, is the subject of NY 100-108654 - LA 100-36867.

IDA PASTERNAK, the subjects sister-in-law, is the subject of NY 100-95361 - LA 100-36990.

#### INFORMANTS





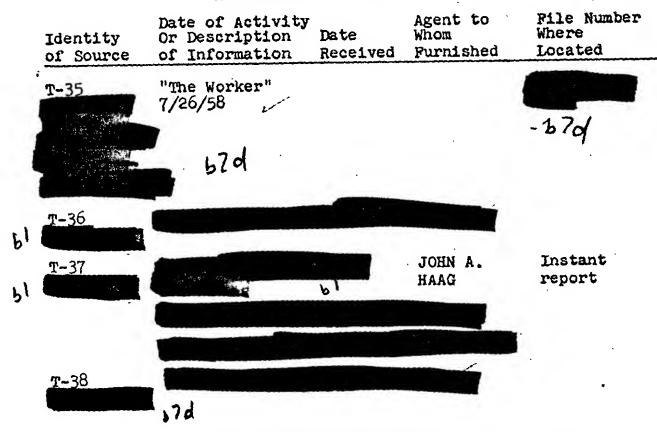
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Additional informants who furnished negative information are identified as follows:



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## INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

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#### Date Contacted



#### Contacting Agent

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SAC, Hew York (100-128869)

October 27, 1958

Director, FBI (100-429455)

ROSE SOBELL SECURITY PATTER - C

Reurlet and report dated 10-10-58.

The Bureau does not concur with the recommendation contained in relet that the subject's activities, as shown in rerep, do not bring her within the criteria established for inclusion in the Gecurity Index (SI).

The Pureau is of the opinion that the subject's subversive activities in the past, together with her subversive activities in behalf of the Mational Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Mosenberg Case, clearly depict her as a potentially dangerous individual.

You are instructed to submit a Form FD-122 recommending that an SI card be prepared on the subject.

# NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is the mother of Morton Sobell, who was convicted on 3-29-51 for conspiracy to commit espionage and is presently serving a thirty-year sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Subject was reported to have attempted to recruit an individual into the Communist Party (CP) and was described as a CP sympathizer prior to 1940. She throughout the US, Europe, and Mexico in connection with Morton Sobell in the National Committee to Secure Justice for officer of the afore-mentioned organization as of June, 1958, and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.

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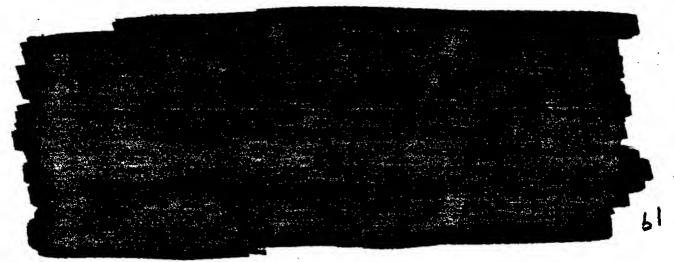
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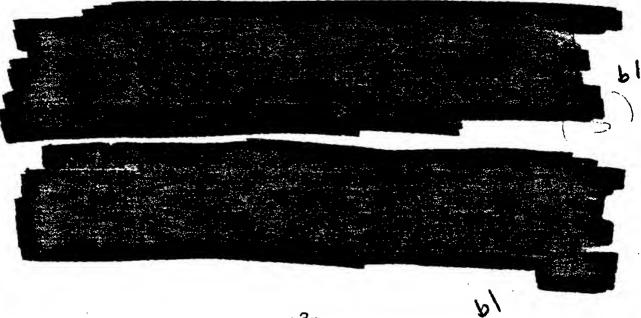
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who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 7/1/58, that as of 6/17/58, the subject was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.

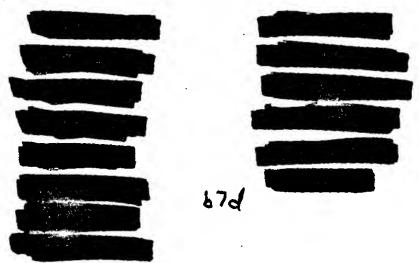


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The subject has been active from 1952 to 6/20/58, in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and/or the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, and local affiliates according to the following informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past:



The subject's activity in connection with the above consisted primarily of attending meetings throughout the U.S. in behalf of the efforts of the various groups to support the drive to obtain the release of her son, MORTON SOBELL, who was convicted on 3/29/51, in the USDC, SDNY, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, and was sentenced on 4/5/51, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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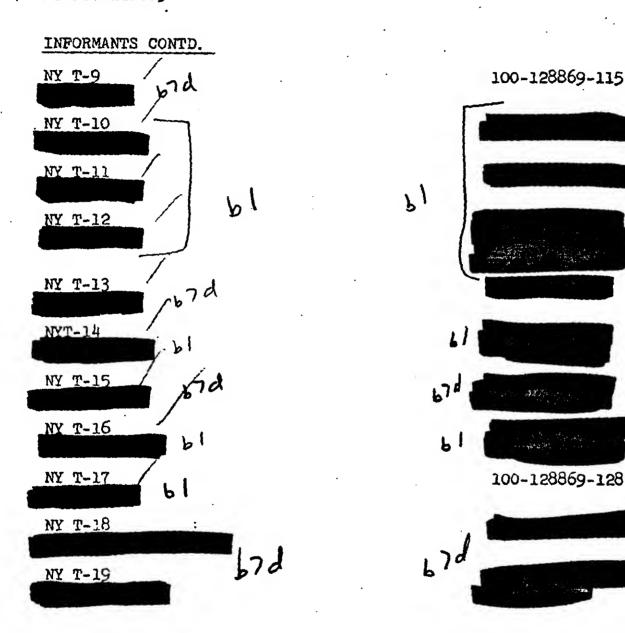
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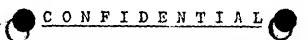


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- in view of her continuing activity to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL, an interview with her could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau.
- 9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card. 10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the
- Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) her position on the national committee of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as of February, 1959, and has been active during 1959 to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL, imprisoned espionage subject.

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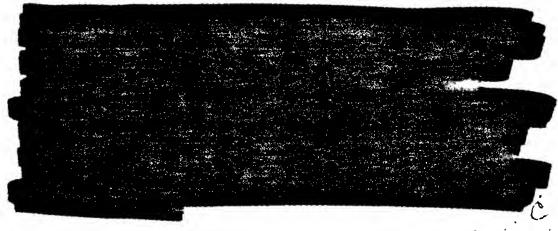
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#### DETAILS

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### Residence and Employment

A interview on May 4, 1959, with the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI reflected that the subject presently resided in Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she was a housewife.

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A interview on October 7, 1959, with the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI reflected that the subject presently resided in Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she was a housewife.

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### II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Informants, each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the metropolitan area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during October, 1959, that they knew of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

### III. CONNECTION WITH CP FRONT GROUPS

#### Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



Concerning MORTON SOBELL, he was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

IV. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

See appendix.

Positions of Leadership



NY T-3 advised on February 11, 1959, that as of . February, 1959, the subject was on the national committee of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

Domestic Activity

Activity in California



NY T-5 advised on that he was in receipt of information during which reflected that the subject was in attendance at a party held in Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of raising funds for the Sobell Committee

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NY T-6 advised on that he was in receipt of information on which reflected that the subject was recently a speaker at a gathering held at for the purpose of raising funds for the release of MORTON SOBELL.

NY T-7 advised on that the subject was a speaker at a meeting held at 2:30 p.m. on at for the purpose of raising funds to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL.

NY T-7 advised on that the subject was a speaker at a meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on at lor the purpose of collecting money for the campaign to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL.

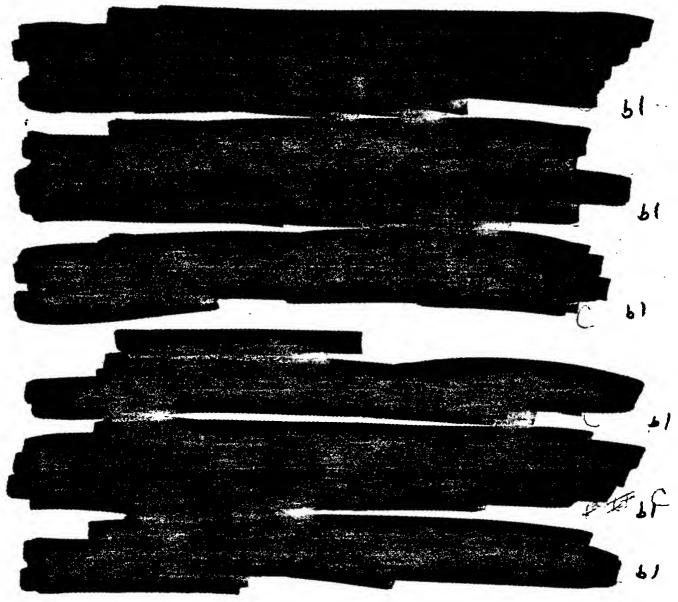


#### Activity in Illinois

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Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JOHN J. CALLAHAN, JR. on October 30, 1958, that on October 25, 26, 1958, Room 410 at the Lawson YMCA was rented to the Sobell Committee.

Lawson YMCA, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA CALLAHAN on October 30, 1958, that Lawson YMCA records reflected that ROSE SOBELL, 2400 Davidson Avenue, New York City, New York, had tenancy of Room 449 at the McCormick YWCA, Chicago, Illinois, from 10 p.m. October 24, 1958 through 9:30 a.m. on October 26, 1958.

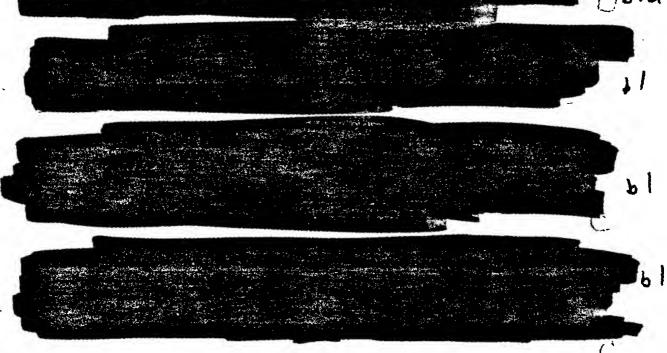


NY T-13 advised on June 23, 1959, that the subject was one of the main speakers at a public meeting held on June 19, 1959, which was sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, at Webster Hall in New York, New York.

NY T-14 advised on June 23, 1959, that at the above public meeting held on June 19, 1959, at Webster Hall, over \$2,000.00 was collected for the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

NY T-15 advised on that on was in receipt of information which reflected that an individual a member of the Bronx County CF and a member of the Bronx Sobell Committee stated during July, 1959, that a Morton Sobell Committee was being formed in Far Rockaway, New York. The information furnished by the informant further reflected that ROSE SOBELL was the most active worker in setting up this Morton Sobell Committee in Far Rockaway, New York.

NY T-15 advised on that the subject was the chairman of an affair held on at by the Morton sobell committee of Far Rockaway. The informant added that the purpose of this affair was to mobilize support and obtain funds for the fight to free MORTON SOBELL.

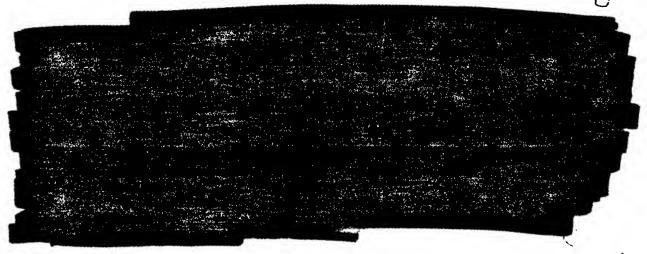




#### Foreign Activity

#### Activity in Mexico

The "Excelsior," a daily newspaper in Mexico City, Mexico, issue of November 27, 1957, contained an article which reflected that ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, had visited Mexico City, Mexico, and had consulted with LUIS SANCHEZ TONTON, who had been retained as an attorney by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL for her husband, MORTON SOBELL.

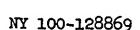


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#### Independent-Socialist Party

See appendix concerning Independent-Socialist Party, aka United Independent Socialist Committee.

NY T-19 furnished on April 24, 1959, a copy of the New York State Nominating Petition for the Independent-Socialist Party for the November, 1958, New York State election. Included on this petition as a signer was ROSE SOBELL, 2400 Davidson, Bronx 67, New York.



#### APPENDIX

UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE, Formerly known as the Independent-Socialist Party

A confidential source advised in June, 1958, that the Independent-Socialist Party (I-SP) was organized at conferences held on June 13 - 15, 1958, in New York City.

Another confidential source advised in October, 1958, that the I-SP had as its ultimate aim the establishment of a national labor party.

The "Militant" issue of February 2, 1959, in a front page article entitled, "N.Y. Socialists discuss Possibilities for 1960," related in part that the Independent-Socialist Party, at a meeting held in New York City on January 24, 1959, had voted unanimously to continue activities as the United Independent-Socialist Committee (UI-SC).

Early in February, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source reported that at the January 24, 1959, meeting of the I-SP the following proposals for future activity were adopted:

- 1. Establishment of a permanent committee to be called the United Independent-Socialist Committee.
- 2. Establishment of a sub-committee to study the possibilities of running a campaign in 1960 which committee would report back to a conference to be called in the fall (of 1959) at which time a decision would be reached on whether or not to attempt a 1960 campaign.

In the meantime, between January, 1959, and the fall of 1959, the UI-SC would engage in struggles of the left and would participate in the fight for "peace, cc-existence, civil liberties and civil rights, and support the struggles of colored peoples and the struggle for passports, etc."

UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE, Formerly known as the Independent-Socialist Party (CONT'D)

According to the first mentioned confidential source the UI-SC would issue a newsletter from time to time to keep its membership informed of developments within the UI-SC.

Early in May, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was then the dominant group in the UI-SC. The confidential source stated that because the SWP is the largest single organized group active in the UI-SC, and because it is favored by other smaller, more loosely organized groups within the UI-SC, the SWP is in a position from which it can direct and control activities of the UI-SC.

The headquarters of the UI-SC are located at 799 Broadway, New York City:

The "Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Atterney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"l. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL. the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. ! National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1955, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)



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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James Charles Haebel at New York, dated and captioned as above.

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(SCBELL)
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LIGIPLE FOR PARCLE UNTIL AUG. 4, 1962.

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EHALF OF MY SCN." MRS. SCBELL SAID.
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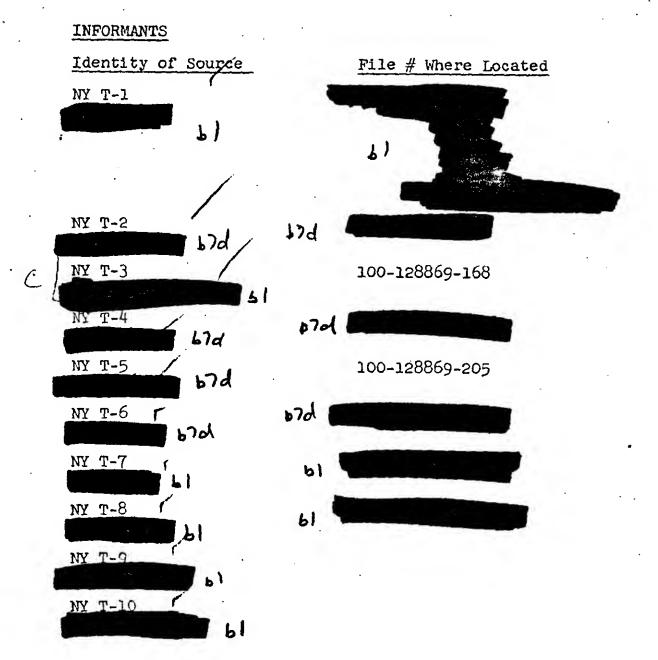
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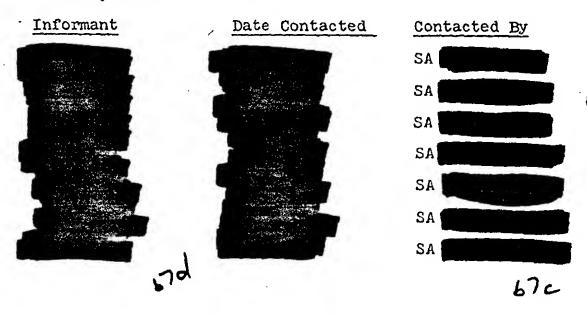
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Title:

ROSE SOBELL

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Synopsis

Subject resides, Apt. 12, 2400 Davidson Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a housewife. Subject active 1959 and 1960, in connection with activities to obtain support and funds to effect release of her son, MORTON SOBELL from Federal Penitentiary. Subject co-chairman Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area, were contacted in December, 1960, and advised they could furnish no information

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Residence and Employment

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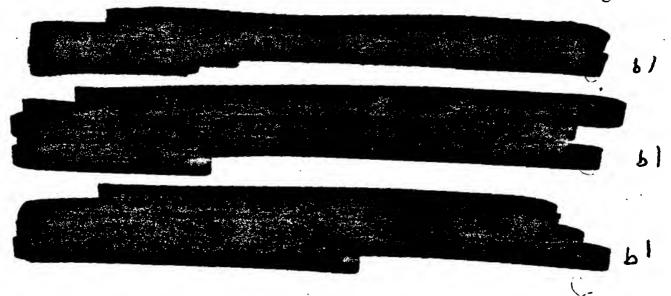
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"The Washington Post and Times Herald", daily newspaper published in Washington, DC, in its edition on January 22, 1960, Page Al4, contained the following article under the section "Letters to the Editor":

#### "Plea for SOBELL

"As the mother of MORTON SOBELL, certain not only of my son's goodness but of his absolute innocence of any crime, I wish to thank the more than 700 clergymen of all faiths who have signed the appeal to President EISENHOWER, calling for a new trial or freedom for my son.

"The appeal was initiated by Rev. PETER MC CORMACK, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, who became convinced of my son's innocence during the years he came to know my son very intimately, at Alcatraz.

"It is unthinkable that in our democratic America a man could be in his tenth year in prison on the vague and uncorroborated word of only one witness.

"And aren't ordinary doubts compounded when we realize that the trial took place midst Korean wartime hysteria, which was a time of great tensions, and that the testimony of this sole witness was never reviewed by any court in the land?

"I am hopeful that our President, motivated by the same high ideals of justice and humanity which inspired these wonderful clergymen, will listen to their appeal and free my son, for those people who look into this case can't help but feel the grave injustice done to my son. If the public would only study the case and make its views known to the President, I am sure I'd see my son home again soon, restored to his family where he belongs. ROSE SOBELL. The Bronx, N.Y."

NY T-10 advised on January 28, 1960, that on that day the subject was in Washington, DC, and had been working for her son's release from prison.

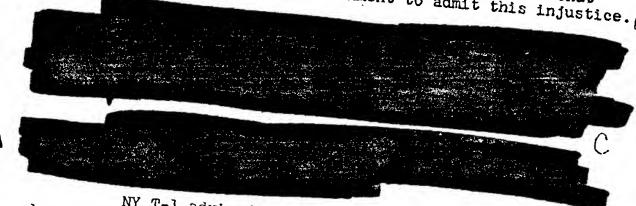
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and that this Committee is not here just to help his mother or wife, but that it is a national issue that involves all the people in our country, an issue of injustice, and that we must get our leaders in government to admit this injustice.



NY T-1 advised on July 18, 1960, thas as of that day the names of ROSE and HELEN SOBELL appeared on the stationery of the National Committee to Secure Justice for to raise funds and interest people in the case.





#### III. MISCELL/MEOUS

Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December 1960, and advised that they could furnish no information concerning subject.

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### COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SORELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1950 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



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THE 67-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF CONVICTED ATOM SPY MORTON SOBELL TOLD POLICE SHE WANTED TO BE ARRESTED. SHE SPREAD A NEWSPAPER ON THE FROZEN GROUND IN FRONT OF THE NORTHWEST GATE AND PLUMPED HERSELF DOWN

FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE.

POLICE LET HER SIT AND A SHORT TIME LATER SHE WALKED AWAY WITH
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## Mrs. Sobell's Picketing Fails to Disturb Police

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demonstration in an effort to acted she again got too cold, see President Kennedy. There got up and walked away. have been a number of similar demonstrations by Mrs. Sobell, her daughter-in-law and others seeking freedom for Morton Sobell.

Sobell is serving 30 years on conviction as a member of the spy ring which included Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed for theft of atomic secrets for Russia.

Promptly at 11 a.m., as announced, Mrs. Sobell began picketing in front of the West entrance to the White House. This in itself was a violation of the law since pickets are required to stay away from entrances.

Police ignored her.

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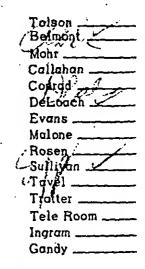
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MOTHER'S SITDOWN—Mrs. Rose Sobell, 67, mother of convicted atomic spy Morton Sobell, yesterday tried unsuccessfully to see President Kennedy about commuting her son's sentence. Courteously but firmly, police closed the West gate after halling Mrs. Sobell's determined march on the White House. She staged a chilly sitdown for five minutes before District Police Lieut. Charles Murphy, left, talked her into getting up. "There is only one thing in life that has meaning to me . . . to see my innocent son, Morton, a free man," she said. "If my actions are a violation of the rules, I am ready to spend my days in jail. At least I will be sharing in some small way in my son's long ordeal, and President Kennedy will know of a mother's anguish." Her son is serving the 12th year of a 30-year sentence. He was convicted in the Rosenberg case.

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A mother's plea for Morton Sobell is rebuffed

When 67-year-old Rose-Sobell attempted for 40 minutes in sub-freezing weather Jan. 10 to get into the White House in Washington to plead for her imprisoned son Morton Sobell, she was blocked by special police. Mrs. Sobell sought an opportunity to present the case for release of "my innocent son, Morton Sobell" from his 30-year sentence on an espionage charge. After she slipped through the White House gate, police blocked the way and forced her to leave. Mrs. Sobell had announced that she would "undertake a public action of peaceful civil disobedience" because her some premains unjustly imprisoned."

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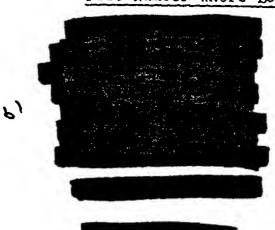
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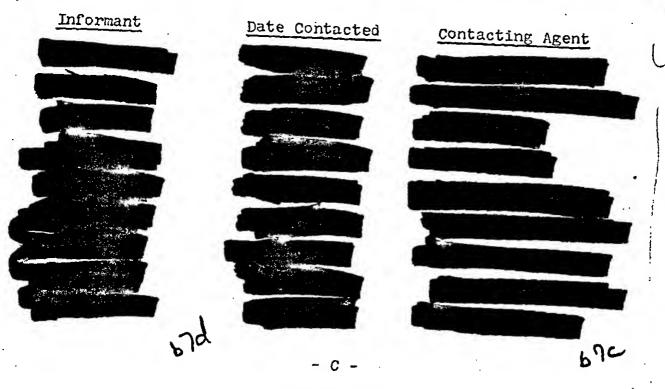
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8. Subject previously interviewed (dates)  X Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
she is the mother of convicted atom spy MORTON SOBELI and because of her activities on his behalf it is felt that an interview might result in embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria. and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.  10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as of 1/5/60, subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS and because of her activities on behalf of the CSJMS through 1/10/62. (Instant report)
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#### ED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, New York

Field Office File No.: NY 100-128869.

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100-429455

Title:

ROSE SOBELL

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Synopsis:

The subject resides in apartment Al2, 2400 Davidson Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a housewife. The subject attended and/or participated in affairs of the. CSJMS during the period November 19, 1950 through January 3, 1962, and was scheduled to picket the White House on January 10, 1052

ary 5, 1950, the subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS.

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

A. Residence:

On December 14, 1961

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Avenue, advised Special Agent that the subject then resided in apartment Al2, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York.

#### B. Employment:

On January 4, 1962, NY T-1 advised that the subject was then a housewife.

C. Status of Health:

## II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) AND CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

#### A. Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS):

A characterization of the CSJMS and of MORTON SOBELL is contained in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

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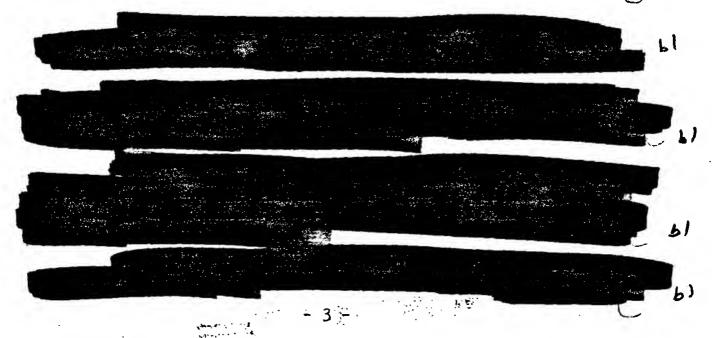
On April 26, 1961, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that the subject received \$25.90 from the CSJMS on March 31, 1961.

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On May 26, 1961 and on June 27, 1961, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that on April 27, 1961 and on June 9, 1961 the subject received \$25.90 on each date from the CSJMS and that it was indicated that these amounts were for salary.

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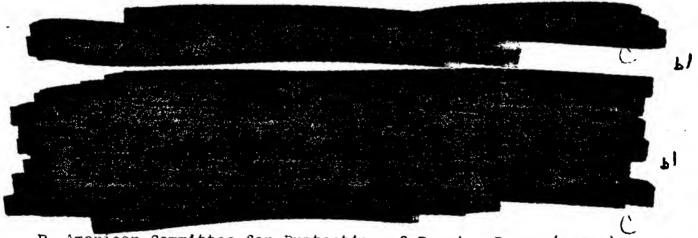
NY T-5 also made available information which reflected that as of January 5, 1960 the subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS.



NY T-1 said that the subject spoke at this session and referred to her son, MORTON SOBELL, as a "jewel among humanity".

On November 2, 1961 the subject was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be among a group of about fourteen persons representing themselves as members of the CSJMS, who were picketing the Hotel Carlyle, New York, New York, where President JOHN F. KENNEDY was then staying.

On November 16, 1951 the subject was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to be among a group of about forty individuals representing themselves to be members of the CSJMS, who were picketing the United Nations' Building, New York, New York, on that date.



B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born: (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



# III. MISCELLANEOUS

During October and November, 1961 other sources, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted but were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject's activities.

#### APPENDIX

# COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Schell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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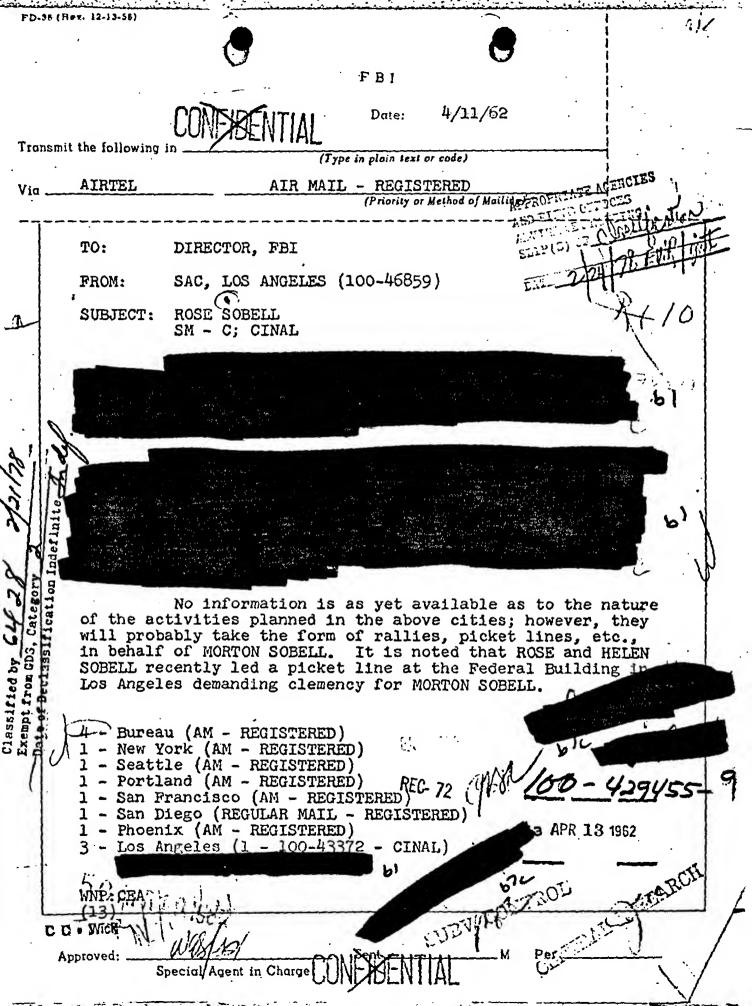
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Reurlet (FD-122) dated 10/26/62 disclosing that the subject's business address and residence are unknown.

In view of the subject's notoriously active participation in the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the Bureau feels that her residence and employment should be resolved at the earliest date.

A review of the subject's file discloses that there is some indication that the subject has moved from New York to Los Angeles and if you have not already done so, insure that the necessary leads are set forth to the interested offices.

Follow this matter closely and upon verification of her current residence and employment submit the necessary FD-122 containing such.

### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is included in SI.

She is the mother of Morton Sobell who was convicted on 3/29/51 for conspiracy to commit espionage and is currently serving a 30-year sentence in Federal Penitentiary. Atlanta, Georgia. In view of the subject's numerous participations in public demonstrations we should closely follow her residence and employment.

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Office, NYC, advised SA on 10/25/62, that the subject had posted a removal notice to 379 Congress St., New Milford, N.J.

The Newark Office advised that on 11/21/62, U.S. Post Office, New Milford, N.J., advised the carrier covering the above address had stated that ROSE SOBELL, in the recent past, has received mail at that address, which is a one family house.

Newark advises that the Bergen County Telephone Directory lists JESSE CRYSTALL at 379 Congress St., New Milford, N.J., and that their indices contain no identifiable information concerning him.

Informants of the NYO have placed subject in NYC recently and refer to her presence on the west coast as a "trip", probably to raise funds.

NYO is carefully following this matter to establish subject's residence.

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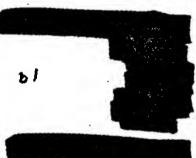
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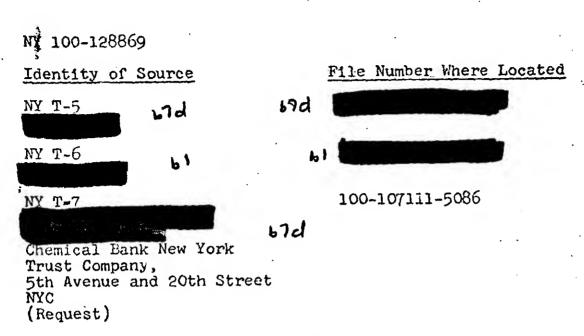
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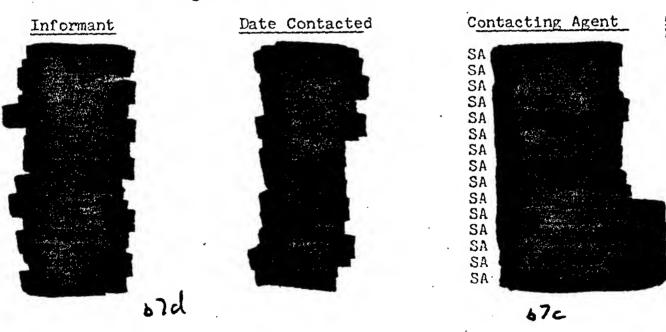
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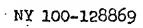
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## At New York, New York

Will advise Bureau of the results of the lead set out for Newark by letter concerning the subject's residence. If subject's residence is verified in Newark area NY will submit FD-128.



	1. X Subject's name is included in the Security Index.  2. X The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.  3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.  4. X A suitable photograph [X] is [1] is not available.  5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.  6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are  7. X This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information received and from [1] this were discrease to unauthorized and [2] individuals it could possibly jeopardize the identities of these valuable sources, thereby hampering FBI investigation and thus be injurious to national defense.	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Office:

Report of: Date:

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Field Office File No.s

100-128869

Title:

ROSE SOBELL

Bureau File No.: 100-429455

New York, New York

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SECURITY MATTER -

Synopsis:

Subject formerly resided 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, NY, and left forwarding address of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, NJ. Subject participated in numerous activities of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in NY and in various cities on the West Coast of the US during 1962. Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area were contacted in December, 1962 and January, 1963, at which time they advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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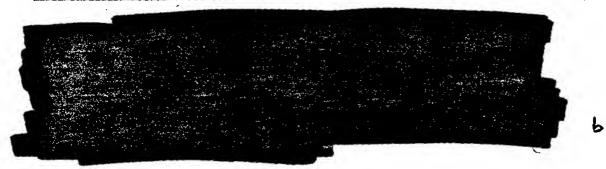
### I. BACKGROUND

#### Residence

NY T-1 advised on October 25, 1962, that the subject, who formerly resided at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, had recently moved and left a forwarding address of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)



A characterization of the CSJMS and of MORTON SOBELL is contained in the Appendix.

The following appeared in an editorial in the "Morning Freiheit" on January 14, 1962, page 8, columns 1 and 2:

# "The Anguish Of A Despairing Mother

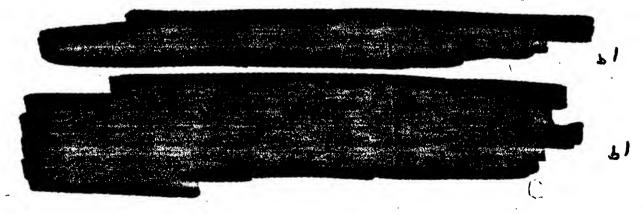
"Day after day, in front of the White House, there is picketing by the mother of Morton Sobell, who has been languishing behind for 12 years, on a 30 year jail sentence, which was handed down as the result of an exaggerated charge of espionage at the time of Mc Carthy hysteria in the country.

"The bitter cold during the past few days did not stop Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of this victim of hysteria, from keeping her watch in front of the White House and from demanding the liberation of her son, or that he receive a new trial.

"In a statement to the press, Mrs. Sobell emphasized that thousands of prominent personalities in this country and abroad have questioned the course of the trial of Morton Sobell and the sentence he received.

"From all corners of the country there are demands that Morton Sobell be freed. There are cries of anguish from his mother, his wife and his children, who beg for justice, This cry should be heard!"

The "Morning Freiheit" is characterized in the Appendix attached hereto.

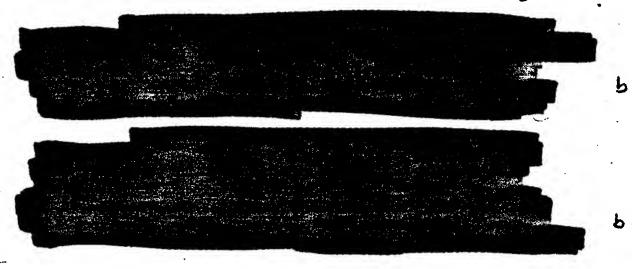


NY T-3 advised on May 4, 1961, that the LASC is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of the CSJMS. The CSJMS is characterized in the Appendix.

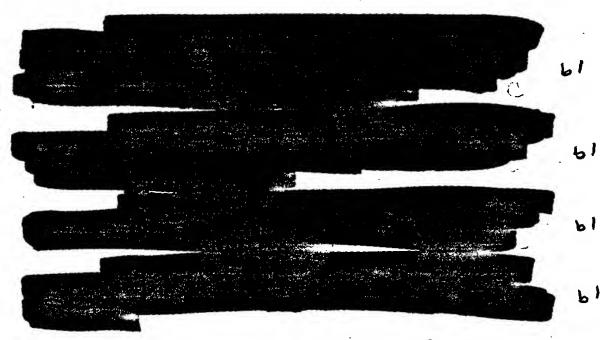


NY T-3 advised on April 4, 1962, that on March 26, 1962, ROSE SOBELL participated in a "Sobell March" in Los Angeles, California. This was a function of the LASC.

NY T-4, on April 2, 1962, described the March 26, 1962 function of the LASC as a picket line in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, and this source also stated that ROSE SOBELL participated in this function.



NY T-5, on all als ROSE SOBELL was in attendance at the function of the LASC. also advised that



NY T-2 advised on October 1, 1962, that on September 23, 1962, the subject was present at the National Conference of the CSJMS at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

On October 17, 1962, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed ROSE SOBELL participating in a picket line established by the CSJMS at 43rd Street and 1st Avenue, New York, New York, across the street from the entrance to the United Nations Headquarters.

NY T-7 made available information on September 26, 1962, which reflects that on August 23, 1962, ROSE SOBELL was the payee of a check in the amount of \$25.86 drawn on the account of the CSJMS.

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The person to whom the subpoena should be addressed is

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Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 5th Avenue and 20th Street, New York, New York.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December, 1962, and January, 1963, and advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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#### APPENDIX

#### COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENEERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1901, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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#### APPENDIX

### "MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

#### "Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized \* \*
  the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper,
  Freiheit.'
  (Subversive Activities Control Board,
  Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with
  respect to the Communist Party of the
  United States of America, December 18,
  1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
  (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE,
  Congressional Record, September 24,
  1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.' . (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"







In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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New York, New York

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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	The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Newark Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as estiding and working at the addresses fieled below. The Newark Division is being considered the new office of origin.
	Residence address 379 Congress Street
~ []	New Milford, New Jersey Business address
	Unknown
	Check the following applicable statements:  [X] This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index of the Seat of Government. The NOWARK Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)  [ This subject is tabbed for Detcom.  [ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.  [ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.  [ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.  [ Nowark Division and a copy has been designated therefore.
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

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SUBJECT:

SAC. NEWARK (100-43843)

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dated 1/23/63 at New York. Re Report of SA New York letter to the Bureau dated 2/20/63.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the Newark Office, since receipt of the FD-128, has not been able to verify the subject's residence at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain her current residence:

On 3/26/63. New Milford. New Jersey, Post Office, (T-informant by request) advised that the postal carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, confirmed that the subject continues to receive mail at this address; however, the postal carrier advised that he has never actually observed the subject.

On 4/17/63. identified . above, advised that he had again contacted the postal carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, but was unable to obtain any information from him to confirm the residence of the subject at this address.

On 3/28/63, 4/3/63, 4/5/63, 4/9/63, 4/16/63, and 4/17/63, observations were conducted in the neighborhood of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, but the subject was not observed.

On 4/5/63, New Milford. New Jersey, Police Department, an established source of the Newark Office, advised that he was acquainted JESSE CRYSTALL, registered owner of address 379 Congress Street.

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He stated that CRYSTALL is on the School Bus Committee in New Milford, and he characterized him as a "loud mouth" type of individual. CRYSTALL is employed at the Pyrometer Instrument Company in Rergenfield. New Jersey.

he learned that CRISIAND'S wire is normally employed as a school teacher in Brooklyn, New York, but that she has been home on maternity leave. He stated on this date that to his knowledge, the subject did not reside with the CRYSTALLS at 379 Congress Street. He stated that to his knowledge, the only additional person in the house is a girl who comes to do general housekeeping.

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On 4/16/63, advised that although he was not 100% positive from the information he has gathered, it definitely does not appear as if the subject resides at 379 Congress Street.

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In addition, advised that has spot checked the residence on various occasions since 4/5/63, but on no occasion has observed the subject.



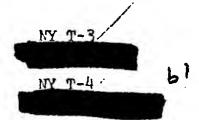
In view of the above information, New York is requested to contact all logical informants, particularly those acquainted with the subject's activities in connection with the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SCHELL, for information leading to the whereabouts of the subject inasmuch as the possibility exists she is using the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, as only a mailing address.

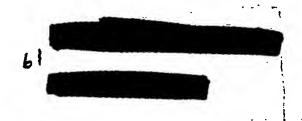
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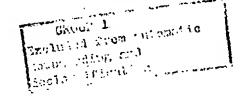
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### Residence:

New York T-1 advised on February 6, 1963, that subject resides at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

New York T-2, advised on October 25, 1962, that the subject had moved from apartment A-12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York.



# III AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

## CP Front Group:



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Additional informants, who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in New York City, area were contacted in April 1963, and advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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### APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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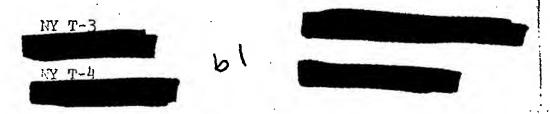
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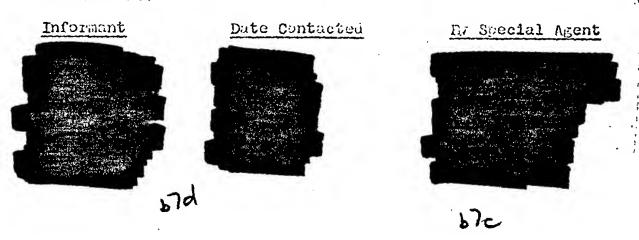
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) (P)

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SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL, aka.

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(OO: NEWARK)

Re Newark letter dated 5/1/63, and report of at New York dated 5/9/63.

On 5/8/63. USPO, New Milford, New Jersey, advised that he had learned from the carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, that the subject continues to receive mail at this address, and that he had seen her recently at this At this time, she appeared to the carrier to be baby-sitting.

Observations were conducted in the neighborhood of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey on 4/29/63, 5/2/63, 5/7/63, 5/22/63, and 5/31/63, but the subject was not observed.

On 5/7/63, New Milford, New Jersey Police Department, advised that he had learned that 67d the subject had been scheduled recently for a cataract operation, however, he did not learn the name of the hospital or physician treating her.

On 5/7/63, the records of the Hackensack Hospital Association, 22 Hospital Place, Hackensack, New Jersey, the Holy Name Hospital, 718 Teaneck Road, Hackensack, New Jersey, the Pascack Valley Hospital, Oak Road, Westwood, New Jersey, and the Riverdell Hospital, 576 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, New Jersey were checked, but did not disclose that the subject was then a patient.

Referenced report disclosed that the subject was hospitalized for a cataract operation in St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, the week of 1/14/63.

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New York is requested to check the records of St. Vincent's Hospital for the period 1/14/63, and secure from them the address given by the subject at that time. In view of the information given above by the subject at that time it is possible that she was a patient there for a second time subsequent to the week of 1/14/63.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE:

8/16/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL aka SM - C (OO: NEWARK)

Re Newark letter to Director dated 6/17/63.

67d On 8/14/63, 1 Medical Records Center, St. Vincents Hospital, 7th Avenue and 11th Street, NYC, advised SA that their file 67c number 074437 reflected that one ROSE SUBELL was admitted to the hospital on 2/3/63 and discharged on 2/15/63. She advised that SOBELL was in the hospital for treatment of eyes and listed her address as 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NY 33, NY. She listed under nearest relatives a daughter BEVERLY CRYSTAL, SC BELL phone number 201-00 1-7647 and a daughter-in-law HELEN SOBELL 20 Charlton Street, NYC, phone number WA 9-9061. advised further that her records reflected that subject was also a patient at the hospital from 3/10/63 to 3/22/63, at which time she gave the same home address and same relatives with the exception that a business phone number for daughter-in-law HELEN SOBELL was listed as AL 4-9983.

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At New York, New York

Will verify subject's address.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

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SUBJECT:

SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) (P)

SOBELL, Aka. ROSE

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(00: NEWARK)

Re Newark letter 6/17/63.,

For the information of the Bureau, and New York, information has been developed by the Newark Office indicating that the subject makes her permanent residence at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

New Milford, New Jersey, Post Office, who handles the route covering 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, has in the past been shown a photograph of the subject and alerted to her possible presence at this address. He has advised that he has lately seen her in and about this residence, that she continues to receive mail here, and he is positive that this is her permanent address.

New York is requested to expedite lead set forth in relet. Upon receipt of information from New York, the Newark Office will consider proper disposition of this case.

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SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) P

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ROSE SOBELL, aka SM - C (OO: NEWARK)

Re New York letter 8/16/63.

Referenced New York letter disclosed that subject's home address is 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York 33, New York.

Upon verification of the above address, the Newark Office will submit proper FD 128.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 10/29/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL aka SM-C (00:NK)

Re Nk letter to Director, 10/3/63...

On 10/25/63, SA telephonically contacted the residence of 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, phone number WA 3-5697, which is listed in My telephone directory to ROSE SOBELL. SA used the

and talked to an unidentified female who stated that ROSE SOBELL was not at home but would be home later and could be contacted concerning any business either at night or before 8:30 in the morning.

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### NEWARK

AT NEWARK. NEW JERSEY. Will submit FD 128 and appropriate serial,

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FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

UBIECT:

ROSE SOBELL aka

SM - C

Re FD-128 dated 11/29/63.

The case on the above-captioned individual has been kept in a pending status in view of the fact that the subject's SI card shows her employment as unknown.

Numerous attempts have been made during January and February, 1964, to interview the subject under suitable pretext to determine her employment. In this regard, it is not believed the subject is regularly employed inasmuch as she never has been. She apparently spends much of her time travelling around the country in an effort to raise funds to facilitate the release of her son, MORTON SOBELL, from prison.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished on 2/12/64, by reflected no information bearing upon the subject's employment.

as furnished to The records of on 2/17/64, reflected no information identifiable with the subject. 57c, d

The NYO will continue to determine the subject's employment.

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Bureau (RM) New York



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: April 30,1964

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UBIECT:

ROSE SOBELL, Aka.

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Renylet dated 2/19/64.

interview with the subject on April 14,1964 by a SA of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected that the subject is not regularly employed and is a housewife.

An FD-122 is being submitted to the Bureau making the necessary changes in her Security Index card.

This case is being kept in a pending status in order to prepare an annual report on the subject's activities.

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New York, New York May 21, 1964

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Re: Rose Sobell

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Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rose Sobell has been extremely active in the affairs of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) and its affiliates from 1952 to 1964, and she has held several leadership positions in this group; she is the mother of Morton Sobell, who was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment; Rose Sobell registered to vote expressing a preference for the Communist Party (CP) 1933 through 1936; prior to 1940, she attempted to recuit an individual into the CP; she has attended CP sponsored affairs in connection with her efforts on behalf of the CSJMSDI RECORDED

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Informats who could furnish no information regarding the subject are identified as follows:

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Subject's name is included in the Security Index.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.  A suitable photograph is is not available.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information from NY T-1 through T-7 and NY T-9 concerning FBI coverage of subversive activities. If these sources were compromised it could be prejudicial to the national defense.
7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she is the mother of MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Espionage and presently incarcerated. It is believed subject would use an interview with her to attempt to embarrass the Bureau inasmuch as she has been very active in trying to obtain the release of her son from jail.
8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.  9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) on 1/5/60, she was Chairman of the CSJMS and due to her notoriously active paticipation in the CSJMS. (Report of SA)  1/23/62 at NY).
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## D STATES DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION





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Date: 179 A . 17.1

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-128869

Bureau File #: 100-429455

Title: 4 ROSE SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, NY, and is a housewife with part-time employment at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Ave., New York. NY. Subject attended meetings of the Committee To Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in 1963. She attended Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties\_Buffet as well as "National Guardian" luncheon in 1964. VInformants advised during Apri 1964, they could furnish no information regarding the subject.

Details:

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Residence and Employment

interview by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 25, 1963 reflected that the subject presently resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on April 14, 1904 reflected the subject was a housewife and that she presently resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

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A interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on May 8, 1964 reflected the subject was a housewife who worked part-time at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York and that she resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

### Status of Health

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II. CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY
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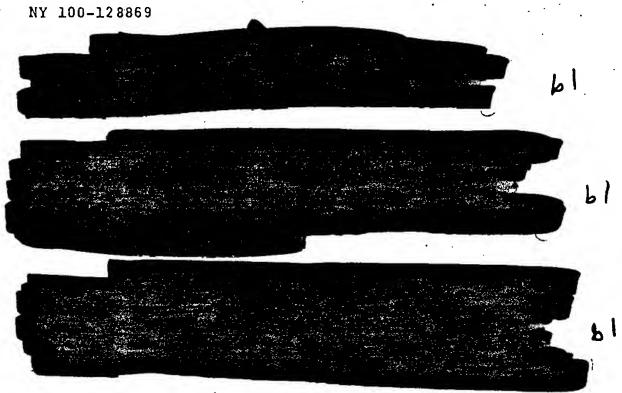
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See Appendix regarding the CSJMS.



NY T-1 and NY T-3 through NY T-7 inclusive advised during June, 1963, that the subject was in attendance at a rally which was held on June 19, 1963 at Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, which was sponsored by the CSJMS. At this rally the subject made an appeal for money for the CSJMS.





NY T-8 advised on Narch 27, 1964 that the subjects name appeared as the payee on a check dated March 6, 1964 in the amount of \$25.00 which was drawn on the account of the CSJMS.

The information furnished by NY T-8 is not tobe made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

## Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL)

See Appendix regarding the CCCL.

NY T-9 advised on March 18, 1964, that the subject was in attendance at a buffet sponsored by the CCCL which was held on March 15, 1964 at 27 Union Square, West, New York, New York.

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"National Guardian".

See Appendix regarding the "National Guardian"

NY T-2 advised on April 21, 1964, that the subject was in attendance at the Second Annual luncheon of the "National Guardian" which was held on April 14, 1964 at the Essex House, New York, New York.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the metropolitian area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during April, 1964, that they could furnish no information regarding the subject.

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### APPENDIX

## CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

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\*\* \* The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.

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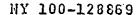
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### "National Guardian

established by the American Labor "1. Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Title

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent at New York, dated and captioned as above.

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New York, New York July 7,1965

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SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL

'REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 5/21/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment:

Housewife, Part-time Saleslady, Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue

New York, New York

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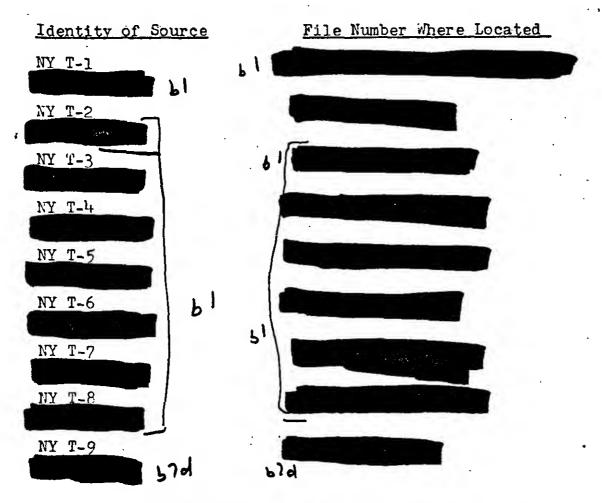
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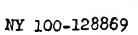
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Title:

ROSE SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NY, NY, and is a housewife with part-time employment at the Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NY, NY. Subject attended meetings of the CSJMS in 1964 and 1965.

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#### A. Residence and Employment

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York, advised that the subject is presently residing at that address and that she works part time at a little thrift shop on St. Nicholas Avenue.

On July 6, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), observed the subject working behind the counter at the Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York. The subject was also observed leaving this shop for lunch and returning one half hour later where she took up her position behind the counter.

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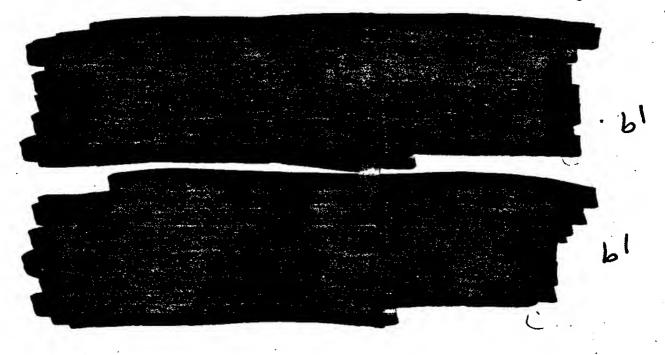
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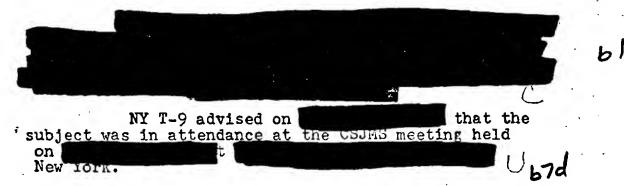




NY T-2 advised on that the subject was present at a SOBELL fund raising affair on

New York, at which she spoke about her son's innocence. She stated that no derogatory evidence was presented at his trial and that he was accused unjustly and unjustly sentenced to prison for 30 years. She further stated that her son has already served 14 years in prison, and it is high time that he be pardoned of the false accusations and freed.





#### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with CP adivity in the New York City area advised during June, 1965, that they could furnish no information regarding the subject, after viewing her photograph.

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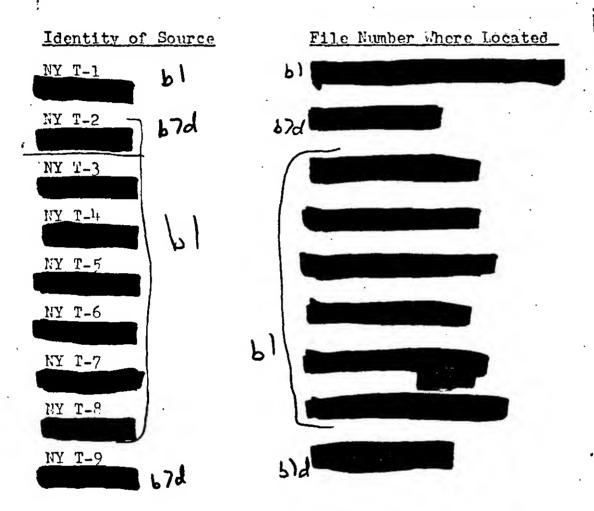
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1.	Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U.S., because of his official status.
2.	Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.	Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U.S.
4.	U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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#### A. Residence

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 22, 1966, that the subject currently resides at the above address.

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mentioned above, advised SA
FBI on June 22, 1966 that the subject is employed
as a housewife and part-time at a little thrift shop on St. Nicholas
Avenue, New York, New York.

On June 22, 1966, a SA of the FBI observed the subject working behind the counter at Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York.

### II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party (CP)
Front Groups

Far Rockaway Yiddisher Kultur Farband Reading Circle

The Yiddisher Kultur Farband has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

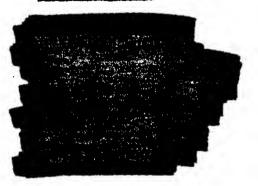
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Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

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Date of Meeting



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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

NY T-5 advised on June 21, 1965, substantially the same information as stated by NY T-4 above but added that the subject stated that MORTON SOBELL would stay in prison as long as the war in Vietnam continues.



### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants, who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York area, were contacted during June, 1966, and shown a photograph of the subject, but they could furnish no information identifiable with her.

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#### APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Title Rose Sobell

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Reference is made to New York report of Special dated and captioned as above.

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6.	This report is classified <u>Confidential</u> because (state reason) the unauthorized disclosure of the information supplied by NY T-1 through NY T-5 may lead to their identity, compromise their future effectiveness, and be injurious to the National defense.
7.	Subject previously interviewed (dates)  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  she is the mother of MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Espionage and presently incarcerated. It is believed the subject would use an interview with her to embarrass the Bureau inasmuch as she has been very active in trying to obtain the release of her son from prison.
8. 9.	This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within
	such criteria because (state reason) as of 7/9/64, subject was a member of the National Committe Staff of the CSJMS, and due to her notoriously active participation in the CSJMS. (NYrep of SA dated 7/16/65).
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### Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE:

9/30/66

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL aka SM - C (00:NY)

ReBulet to NY dated 8/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM concerning the above-captioned subject.

Enclosed for WFO is one copy of above LHM to aid them in covering the lead set forth below.

#### Administrative

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The information from the set forth in the attached LHM in view of Bureau instructions set out in above referenced letter.

The following information is not set out in the attached LHM since it does not concern her travel to Russia or her subversive activities.

on 9/14/66, that the subject was raped and robbed approximately

two months ago. She stated that she does not know the exact circumstances of the case at the present time.

The confidential sources mentioned in the attached LHM are listed below in the order of their use:

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#### LEAD:

#### WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Attempt, through the USDS, Passport Division, the subject's travel itinerary and pertinent passport information.

#### NEW YORK

the NYCPD disposition of case involving subject.

(2) Verify the subject's return from Russia and furnish the results to the Bureau.







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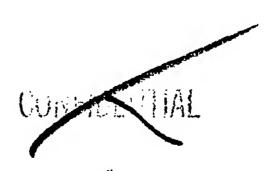
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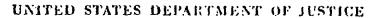
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NYfile 100-128869

New York, New York September 30,1966



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Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on.
September 14, 1966, that the subject left for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) approximately two months ago. She stated that she has no knowledge of the subject's travel itinerary or her expected return to the United States.

The confidential sources mentioned below have all furnished reliable information in the past.

A confidential source advised on that a Communist-sponsored reception was held at

The source advised that the purpose of this reception was to raise money for the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS). The source stated he received information showing that the majority of those in attendance at the reception were Communist Party (CP) members of the Sunnyside Section of the Queens County CP. The source advised that although no mention of the CP or CP activities was made at the reception, most of the discussions among those in attendance were concerned with CP affairs.

A characterization of the CSJMS is contained in the Appendix section attached hereto.

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A second confidential source advised on July 9, 1964, that the subject is a member of the National Committee Staff, CSJMS.

A second confidential source and a third confidential source advised in May, 1965, through May, 1966, that the subject attended several meetings of the CSJMS from May 4, 1965, through May 4, 1966.

The following is a description of the subject:

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Place of birth:

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# Memorandum

O : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 10/14/66

FROM

: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka

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ReNYlet and LHM dated, 9/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a LHM concerning the above captioned subject.

Enclosed for the information of WFO is one copy of above LHM because of their investigative interest in this matter.

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On 9/30/66,
34th Squad, West 182nd St., and Wadsworth Ave., NY, NY, furnished the following information to SA
FBI:

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ROSE SOBELL, 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NY, NY, was raped and robbed of approximately \$50.00 to \$60.00 at approximately 1:20 AM, 6/25/66. The crime took place in SOBELL's apartment and was committed by an unknown dark skinned male in his thirties.

SOBELL was treated at the Jewish Memorial Hospital, NY, NY, by Dr. ACACHI and was later transferred to the Morrisania Hospital, NY, NY.

On or about 6/30/66, SOBELL signed herself out of the hospital went to the home of her daughter BEVERLY CRYSTALL, 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

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The NYCPD conducted a neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the SOBELL residence with negative results. The case is currently in a Pending Active status and assigned to 34th Squad.

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### NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Upon receipt of the results of investigation from WFO, the NYO will close its case concerning the subject.



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United States Gol MEMORAN.



1966 Date: To: Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Assistant Attorney General

Internal Security Division

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: ROSE SOBELL

FBI No. 100 -

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future review should be

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Commentary:

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cc: FBI ISD-SO Dept. 146-012-18-2

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York February 27, 1967

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM 7/7/65

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Employment:

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York April 27,1967

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SUBJECT:

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REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 2/27/67.

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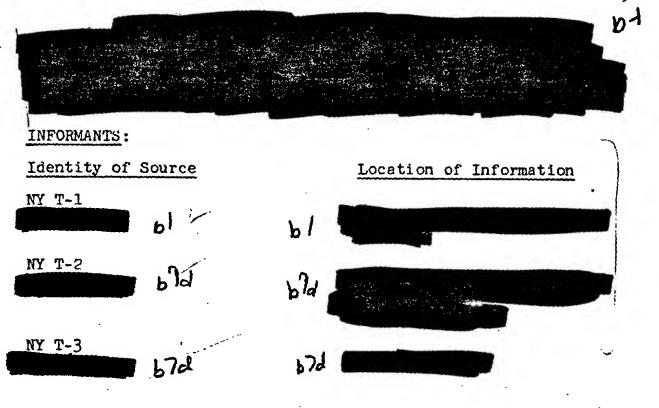
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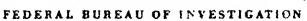
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	(state reason) as of 7/9/64, the subject was a member
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SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 56 7th Avenue, NY, NY, and is retired. Subject travelled to Europe in 1966, under Passport Number G488138. Subject attended meetings of the CFMS in 1966 and 1967, and also attended the 18th Anniversary Dinner of the "National Guardian" held in NY, NY on 11/4/66.

DETAILS:

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

By means of a street it was determined by Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 11, 1967, that the subject currently resides

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#### Travel Data

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, were reviewed on October 19, 1966, by a representative of the FBI and disclosed the following information:

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This passport is valid for travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Vietnam under Communist control. The passport will expire on May 15, 1969 and maybe renewed for two years.

SOBELL, born June 30, 1894 in Russia, listed her permanent address as 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York. Her occupation was given as housewife. She listed ber parents as MICHAEL PASTERNAK and IDA CHANAM, both of whom were born in Russia. Neither of her parents are United. States citizens.

In the event of death or accident, she requested that her daughter, BEVERLY CRYSTALL be notified at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

She indicated that she was last married on May 22, 1915, to LOUIS SOBELL, born 1899 in Russia. This marriage was terminated by death on April 11, 1955.

She was previously issued Passport Number E177412 on April 9, 1964 at New York, New York, for proposed three month pleasure travel to England, France, Italy and Israel.

She indicated that she would depart in the summer of 1964, by ship.

When applying for her 1966, passport, SOBELL had submitted an affidavit in which she stated that her apartment had been broken into two weeks earlier and her 1964 passport had been stolen along with other articles.

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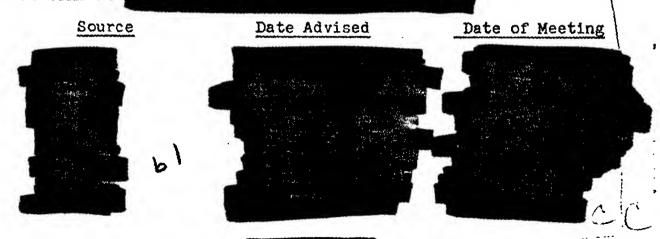
# II. AFFILATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Front Group Activity

### Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS)

A characterizatin of the CFMS appears in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

The sources listed below advised on the dates indicated that the subject attended the following meetings of the CFMS at



NY T-2 advised on that the subject attended a Memorial Meeting for the Rosenbergs sponsored by the CFMS at

new York, on

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953

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NY T-1 on furnished substantially the same information as stated by NY T-2 above.

NY T-3 and NY T-4 on June 17 and June 18, 1966 respectively, furnished substantially the same information as stated by NY T-2 above.

NY T-2 and NY T-5 advised on April 14, 1967 and NY T-6 and NY T-1 advised on April 19 and April 24, 1967 respectively, that the subject attended a rally sponsored by the CFMS on April 11, 1967 at the Hunter College Assembly Hall, 69th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

### "National Guardian"

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix section attached hereto.



### III MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted in June, 1967, and shown a photograph of the subject, but they could furnish no information identifiable with her.